

Qualified persons who might be interested in making a substantial commitment to a program of this sort are invited to write to Professor George Seligman, Department of Mathematics, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut 06520, including with the letter a curriculum vitae and whatever other evidence of competence for this kind of work the writer might consider relevant. Writers are encouraged to describe, in whatever detail they can, particular projects or subjects they would be interested in studying from the present point of view.

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MEETINGS

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF CHRISTIAAN HUYGENS 1629-1695

AMSTERDAM 22 - 25 AUGUST 1979

The great Dutch scientist Christiaan Huygens was born on April 14, 1629. To mark the 350th anniversary of his birth an international symposium on the life and work of Christiaan Huygens will be held in Amsterdam in August of 1979. Organized by a committee of Dutch scholars under the Auspices of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences, the Symposium will explore various aspects of Huygen's work in the light of recent research, placing it in its contemporary context and assessing its impact on the development of science. The Programme of the Symposium will include a number of papers by invited scholars actively engaged in research of Huygens' life and work or on its context. There will be two sessions for shorter communications. The invited speakers, and the themes of their papers, are as follows: Prof. A.G.H. Bachrach (Leiden): "The role of the Huygens family in 17th century Dutch culture"; Dr. H.J.M. Bos (Utrecht): "Huygens and Mathematics"; Dr. H.F. Cohen (Leiden): "Huygens and Music"; Dr. W.A. Gabbey (Belfast): "Huygens and Mechanics"; Prof. R. Hahn (Berkeley): "Huygens' scientific contacts in

France"; *Prof. A.R. Hall and Dr. M.B. Hall* (London): "Huygens' scientific contacts in England" (joint communication presented by Dr. M.B. Hall); *Prof. A. van Helden* (Houston): Huygens and Astronomy"; *Mr. J.H. Leopold* (Groningen): "Huygens and his instrument makers"; *Prof. M.S. Mahoney* (Princeton): "Huygens and the problem of time measurement and longitude"; *Prof. A.E. Shapiro* (Minneapolis): "Huygens and the theory of light"; *Prof. H.A.M. Snelders* (Utrecht): "Huygens and the concept of matter"; *Prof. R.S. Westman* (Los Angeles): "Huygens and Cartesianism"; *Prof. A.R. Hall* (London) "Summary of the Symposium."

Further details on the Symposium and forms for inscription will be sent on request. The address of the organizing committee is: Committee Huygens 1629-1979, c/o dr. H.J.M. Bos, Mathematical Institute Budapestlaan 6, 3584 CD Utrecht, The Netherlands.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP ON THE RELATION BETWEEN THE HISTORY AND PEDAGOGY OF MATHEMATICS

At a very well attended meeting on the second day of the International Congress of Mathematicians held in Helsinki, August, 1978, there was a general discussion under the chairmanship of Graham Flegg (Open University) on the role and future activities of the Study Group. The Group was seen to have two distinct roles to play. The first was the dissemination of information on available publications in the History of Mathematics, especially those appropriate to teachers of Mathematics who wished to introduce an element of history in the classroom. Considerable interest was shown in the Open University Leverhulme Report, copies of which were made available at the meetings (Leverhulme Research Project on History of Mathematics: Final Report - Jean S.A. Nicolson and Graham Flegg, Open University, March 1978). The second role was the organization of lectures and seminars at international gatherings, particularly the I.C.M. and the I.C.M.E. The wish was expressed that there should be substantial contributions on the History of Mathematics at the I.C.M.E. in 1980. Regret was expressed that the arrangements at Helsinki involved a clash of times between the activities of the Study Group and those of I.C.M.I. It was hoped that such clashes would be avoided in the future. Because of these clashes further meetings planned to take place during the Congress were cancelled, except for the showing in the evenings of Open University films. Correspondence on the activities of the Study Group should be addressed to Mr. Leo Rogers, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5PH.